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ABSTRACT

Anne Frank's "The Diary of a Young Girl" is the most widely read text about the Holocaust, yet it represents only one example of the tragic consequences of the Nazi policy to eliminate the Jews of Europe during World War II. This casebook enriches Anne Frank's remarkable personal account with a variety of historical documents that illuminate the political and social context of anti-Semitism in Germany and the Holocaust. It includes other Holocaust narratives in the form of memoirs, letters, and children's diaries and newspaper reports and editorials about the horrific events occurring between 1939 and 1945. All the materials in the casebook will help students understand the historical context of Anne's experience and help teachers select appropriate materials to sensitize students to this period in history. Documents and discussion materials in the casebook are organized into the following chapters: Introduction; The Diary as Literature; Who Was Anne Frank?; The Frank Family History; The Jews in Holland; Children in the Holocaust and Their Rescuers; Anti-Semitism in Modern Germany; The Holocaust; Other Holocaust Stories; Appendix--Anne Frank's Legacy; and Glossary. Each chapter contains study questions, topics for research papers and class discussions, and lists of further reading for exploring the historical as well as the personal issues leading to and culminating in the Holocaust. (NKA)

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